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S.B. No. 303

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice of factors used in admissions and scholarship
3 decisions at certain public institutions of higher education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.805(d), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (d) Not later than the 180th day [~~one year~~] before the date
8 that applications for admission are first considered under this
9 section, each general academic teaching institution shall publish
10 in the institution's catalog a description of the factors
11 considered by the institution in making admission decisions and
12 shall make the information available to the public.

13 SECTION 2. Section 51.842(d), Education Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (d) Not later than the 180th day [~~one year~~] before the date
16 that applications for admissions and competitive scholarships are
17 first considered for a graduate or professional program under this
18 subchapter, each general academic teaching institution or medical
19 and dental unit shall publish in the catalog of the institution or
20 unit a description of the factors to be considered by the
21 institution or unit in making those admissions and competitive
22 scholarship decisions and shall make the information available to
23 the public.

24 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies

1 beginning with admissions and competitive scholarships for the
2 2005-2006 academic year. Admissions and competitive scholarships
3 for an academic period preceding that academic year are covered by
4 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,
5 and the prior law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.